

Faculty Regent Report to Faculty Senate

September 12, 2022

Dear Senators,

Welcome back to a new year on Faculty Senate. A summary of information items is provided below.

Upcoming Board Meeting this Friday: For information items, the next upcoming meeting of the Board of Regents will occur this Friday, September 16 at 9 a.m. in Walnut Hall located on the first floor of the Keen Johnson Building. The agenda is not yet available. Once the agenda is available, it will be viewable on the agendas page of the Board of Regents website linked here: <https://regents.eku.edu/agendas-0>. I will also send out a notification to the Faculty upon my receipt of the agenda.

Recapitulation of Summer Board Activities: Since we last met as a Senate body, the Board met two times. During this summer, the ECU Board had several new Board members appointed by Governor Beshear. Furthermore, a new Board Chair (Regent Michael Eaves) was elected at the June meeting of the Board as outgoing Chair Lewis Diaz completed his term of service on the Board. The [Board agenda on June 14](#) had a lot of information and action items, including approval of the 2022-23 operating budget. The [July 21 Board agenda](#) and meeting were very brief as the Board met for the purpose of fulfilling a state statute which requires administering the oath of office to new appointees and electing a vice-chair and secretary within 30 days of gubernatorial appointments to the Board.

- In addition to the agenda links above, pre-meeting and post-meeting summaries and important items for sharing with our faculty were included in three summer Faculty Regent Updates.
 - Specifically, three updates were provided: June 10, July 8, and July 19.
 - These can be viewed in a [Google Folder linked here](#).
 - Also, while not in the initial budget book on June 14, the detailed expenditures portion of the 2022-23 Board budget book were made available in late June, which can be viewed on the [University Operating Budget page linked here](#).

Information from Council on Post-Secondary Education (CPE):

Next week (September 19-20), regents and trustees from all of Kentucky's institutions will be attending the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Trusteeship Conference. [The agenda for that meeting is linked here](#). The CPE is actively working on the Healthcare Workforce Collaborative having recently [provided \\$8M in grants to institutions in Kentucky](#), and CPE is active this month with the Commonwealth Education Continuum which includes partners from K-12 Education and Economic Development. The CPE will be hosting the 4th annual Higher EDquity Symposium this November 14-15 at NKU, and a save-the-date announcement went out on August 21. The CPE also recently [released their 2022 Progress report](#) documenting how the state is fairing with respect to progress (enrollment, degrees/credentials) in regard to the Statewide Strategic Agenda's goals.

Information from Council of Statewide Faculty Leadership (COSFL):

COSFL will be hosting their first meeting this Friday afternoon on Zoom. Among information sharing by the various university COSFL members statewide, Dr. Aaron Thompson from CPE will provide remarks and host Q&A with COSFL membership.

In closing, I remain honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve as your faculty regent on the Board. Please know that if you have any questions regarding matters likely to come before the Board, or if you have suggestions for me, you may reach me by email (jason.marion@eku.edu) or phone (513-317-9508) at any time. Thank you for your support, information sharing, and wisdom you individually and collectively provide to me.

Sincerely,
Jason